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## PREFACE

**Use of the Statistical Abstract.**—The Statistical Abstract of the United States presents in a single annual volume important summary statistics on the industrial, social, political, and economic organization of the United States, and includes a representative selection from most of the important statistical publications. It is, of necessity, limited primarily to national data and to limited summaries by States. It does not attempt to present the great wealth of local data available from many sources.

This book is designed to serve a twofold purpose: *First*, to serve as a convenient reference volume for quantitative summary information; and *second*, to serve as a guide to various important sources of statistical data. If the user finds that the information given here on a particular subject is not sufficiently detailed for his purpose, it is suggested that he refer to the publication or the agency from which the statistics were obtained for publication in the Statistical Abstract. The source of each table is given at the foot of the table. The original source usually contains additional statistical detail, and a more complete discussion of the definitions and concepts involved, than can be presented in the Statistical Abstract; also, it may supply data for small areas. Further, the agency initially responsible for the statistics occasionally can supply still more detailed information on the basis of their unpublished tabulations or records.

**1949 edition.**—This edition, the 70th annual issue of the Statistical Abstract of the United States, is designated by the year of publication. The statistics shown are the latest available in the early part of the calendar year. The time periods or dates covered by the information in the tables vary according to the practices followed by the various agencies responsible for their preparation.

This edition includes 1,102 tables in comparison with 1,070 tables in the previous edition. A general note has been added for Section 11, Income and Expenditures. The general note on Banking and Finance (Section 16) has been expanded to include information on insurance statistics. The tables on insurance have been revised to incorporate the results of a review of this material. A general note has also been added for Section 29, Foreign Commerce (including international transactions), which now includes statistics on foreign investments and grants and credits to foreign countries. Also included are statistics showing the major activities of the Economic Cooperation Administration. The section on manufactures has been placed near the end of this volume in order to facilitate inclusion of statistics on the 1947 Census of Manufactures.

**Integration with historical supplement.**—This issue was prepared concurrently with the final work on preparation of the historical supplement (see p. v) for the press. The completion of the historical work makes possible a revision of the annual volume which has been started in this issue on an experimental basis. In general, each section of the annual Statistical Abstract will be reviewed intensively to bring about an increased emphasis on statistics of current interest and, at the same time, to reduce the amount of historical detail presented. This will not mean an elimination of historical statistics from the Statistical Abstract, since it is believed that the annual volume should retain summary data of this type, if only to place current data in perspective.

However, the historical tables retained will be for the more important summary measures, will carry data for every fifth or tenth year historically (or 5-year or 10-year averages or totals, as appropriate) and will be made more uniform as to time-period coverage between, as well as within, subject sections. In particular, single-year figures running far back in time will be eliminated, since the historical supplement will provide statistics of this type.

In all sections containing related data, cross-references to the historical supplement have been included in the tabular headnotes. Finally, a historical appendix has been added which brings to date the statistical series which are shown to 1945 in Historical Statistics of the United States, 1789-1945. This appendix has been arranged to serve a two-fold purpose. The user of the annual Statistical Abstract will find there the earliest date to which the given statistics are carried in the historical supplement. The user of the supplement will find each series brought to date, where possible, and the table number in the current Statistical Abstract in which the same or related data may be found. Where figures for 1945 and earlier years are known to have been revised from those shown in the supplement, the revisions have been listed in table 1102 in the appendix. It is believed that the list of revisions shown here is incomplete; a more comprehensive list will be carried in the next issue (1950 edition) of the Statistical Abstract. In the appendix, because of space problems, no attempt has been made to list specific sources of data. In general, the source agencies are the same as for the same series specified in the supplement or noted at the bottom of the current Statistical Abstract table.

Sections which have been revised by comparison with the historical supplement include Section 1 (Area and Population), Section 2 (Vital Statistics), Section 3 (Immigration), Section 7 (Public Lands), Section 20 (Transportation), and Section 29 (Foreign Commerce). The type and extent of revision varies considerably, section to section. Perhaps the section whose revision more typically represents present plans for future issues is that on Transportation. In the section on Vital Statistics, the review has resulted in adding data on nutrition; in the section on Foreign Commerce, new subject materials have been added relating to foreign grants and credits, international investment position of the United States, and the Marshall Plan. Other sections will be revised each year until the comparison of the entire volume with the historical supplement is complete. Comments and criticisms of these changes will be appreciated.

**Supplements to the Abstract.**—The Statistical Abstract, as an annual one-volume publication, is of necessity limited in amount of detail shown. Businessmen, teachers, librarians, public officials, professional workers, and others often require data for individual cities, counties, metropolitan areas, and other small areas as well as for States. Economists, teachers, students, and others frequently need more historical information. To meet such requests for more detail, a series of supplements to the Abstract has been initiated.

The first of these supplements, *Cities Supplement—Statistical Abstract of the United States*, provides 79 different items of information concerning the population, education, housing, labor force, business establishments, government finance, and climate of each of the 397 cities of the United States with 25,000 or more inhabitants in 1940. This supplement is available on request to the Director, Bureau of the Census.

The *County Data Book*, a supplement to the Statistical Abstract of the United States, is the second in this series. This publication brings together 91 different items of information for each of the 3,099 counties of the United States, with summaries for 138 metropolitan areas defined along county lines. Broad subject headings covered are population, labor force, housing, agriculture, industry,

trade, and other economic data (including bank deposits, E Bond sales, war supply contracts, and wartime facilities projects). This publication is out of print. It may be consulted at most large public and university libraries.

*Historical Statistics of the United States*, a third supplement, was published in July 1949. This volume brings together 3,000 statistical series which extend back through time. Data are shown for each year back to 1789 or to the earliest data available for the series. In the preparation of this supplement the Bureau had the cooperation of a special committee of the Social Science Research Council set up to advise the Director of the Census on a source book of historical statistics and of the Committee on Research in Economic History under the auspices of the Social Science Research Council. This volume is on sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D. C. for \$2.50. These statistics will be brought to date each year in the appendix of the annual Statistical Abstract, beginning with the current (1949) edition.

These supplements to the Statistical Abstract have been prepared to extend the usefulness of the basic annual volume by assembling specialized material in separate books. As these supplements develop it will be possible to edit the material shown in the basic volume to emphasize recent data, while supplements will serve the more specialized needs.

**Responsibility.**—As implied in the title, the contents of this volume are taken from a large number of sources, as indicated in the list of agencies furnishing material. (See pages XII–XV.) The Bureau of the Census cannot accept the responsibility for the accuracy or limitations of the data presented here, other than for those which it collects. However, the responsibility for selection of the material for the general user and for proper presentation rests with the Bureau, even though carried out with the cooperation of many technicians who have given unselfishly of their time and knowledge in order to assist the Bureau's staff in making the presentation as meaningful and useful as possible.

The cooperation of the users must also be acknowledged. Many persons have written offering suggestions for improving the presentation of the material. These letters have been most helpful and users are urged to continue to make their needs known. All suggestions will be carefully considered in planning future editions.

#### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON DATA PRESENTED

write to the agency indicated in the source note to the table which covers the desired subject.

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*Historical Statistics of the United States, 1789-1945.* Contains 3,000 statistical time series, largely annual, extending back through time—to 1789 where possible. Prepared with cooperation of the Social Science Research Council. Washington, D. C., 1949. 363 p. Price \$2.50 (Buckram).

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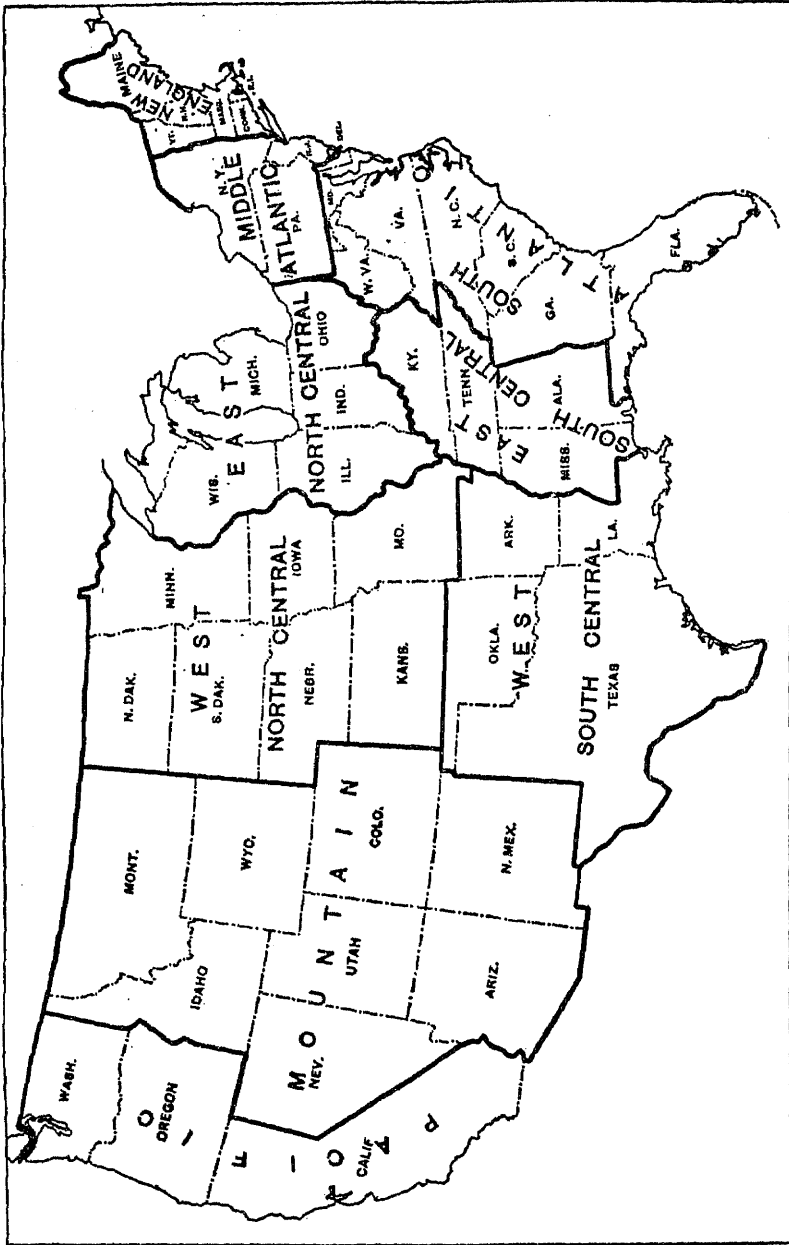
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Nongovernmental Agencies	Lloyds, London: 636, 637
American Bankers' Association: 451, 452	Mineral Industry: 851 (part)

Moody's Investors' Service: 516 (part), 517	New York Stock Exchange: 510
National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers: 1053	New York Times: 514 (part)
National Board of Fire Underwriters: 505	Spectator: 499-504, 506-508
National Bureau of Economic Research: 341 (part)	Standard and Poor's Corporation: 515 (part), 516 (part)
National Canners Association: 777 (part)	Steel: 1081 (part)
National Fertilizer Association: 712	Tanners' Council of America: 1062
National Industrial Conference Board: 289, 347	United States Savings and Loan League: 473
	Western Union Telegraph Co.: 540

FIGURE A.—MAP OF THE UNITED STATES, SHOWING CENSUS DIVISIONS



Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.